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Dear [redacted]

This year I have again been asked to do a series of lectures on current world affairs for the Port Charlotte University Adult classes. I believe that I explained that this is not a true university but a local organization designed to conduct classes in a wide variety of subjects for local residents, most of whom are retired. Some of the classes are conducted by college teachers and credit is received for these courses.

The World Affairs class will consist of 75 to 100 "students," practically all of whom are retired. Many of them are former professional people, educators, medical, etc. My problem has been the procurement of up-to-date maps that show the emerging nations, etc. So far I have been unsuccessful and thought you might be able to help me or tell me who I might contact.

Needed are transparencies (View Graph), or 35-mm. slides of Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Or maps from which they can be made. Additionally, any printed matter (lectures, etc.) on the new nations would be of material assistance. I am sure that your organization is more up-to-date on these matters than any other. I will appreciate anything that is releasable and assure you that it will be welcomed by the group. Of course, I will expect to pay for anything that needs to be purchased.

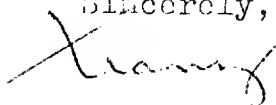
I have followed with interest Dick Helms' handling of some rather delicate situations and know that it must be a source of considerable satisfaction to you who have known him so long to have a contemporary leading the organization so ably. Believe me, I lose no opportunity to put in a plug for the work that has been done. I do not know the effect that last winter's fiasco had on the population as a whole, but the expressions that I heard were of dismay that the press and others could lower themselves by endangering the security of the country to such an extent.

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All are well here and we trust that you and yours continue to enjoy good health and prosperity. Jeanie and hers are dividing the time between New York and Boston because of Charles' work. Franz, Jr. is still in school in California and Douglas, who is still with us, finishes high school next year.

If you have any suggestions relating to the lecture series I will appreciate them. However, I know that this is somewhat out of your field and you may not be able to help and if you cannot, I will understand.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Franz', written over a horizontal line.

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